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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8688.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick Joseph Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of the Army, Janine Anne Davidson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, to be Admiral, and Commander, United States Southern Command, all of the Department of Defense, and John E. Sparks, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on an assessment of Afghanistan intelligence from national security briefers.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transition assistance, after receiving testimony from Susan Kelly, Director, Transition to Veterans Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Curtis L. Coy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Economic Opportunity, Veterans Benefits Administration; Teresa W. Gerton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Elizabeth Voticky, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia; Matthew Kress, Starbucks Coffee Company, Seattle, Washington; Eric Eversole, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and Daniel Smith, The American Legion, both of Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant Colonel Michael Zacchea, USMC (Ret.), University of Connecticut Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Veterans, Hartford.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4246–4260; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76–77; H. Con. Res. 102; and H.Res. 565, were introduced. Pages H9327–28

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9329–30

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3878, to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–379, Part 1); H.R. 2285, to improve

enforcement against trafficking in cultural property and prevent stolen or illicit cultural property from financing terrorist and criminal networks, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–380, Part 1); and Committee on Ethics. In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Jared Polis (H. Rept. 114–381). Page H9327

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kelly (MS) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9309

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H9313

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H9313, H9322**

United States Holocaust Memorial Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Representatives Israel and Deutch.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Pages H9313–14**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech: H. Res. 536, amended, supporting freedom of the press in Latin America and the Caribbean and condemning violations of press freedom and violence against journalists, bloggers, and individuals exercising their right to freedom of speech, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 694. **Pages H9318–22**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H9321**

Appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundredth Fourteenth Congress: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 76, appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 102, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 16. **Page H9322**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Combat Terrorist Use of Social Media Act of 2015: H.R. 3654, amended, to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media. **Pages H9314–18**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9313.

Senate Referral: S. 2044 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H9326**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H9321. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1316)

H.R. 2250, Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016. Signed on December 11, 2015. (Public Law 114–96)

S. 599, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project. Signed on December 11, 2015. (Public Law 114–97)

S. 611, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems. Signed on December 11, 2015. (Public Law 114–98)

S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. Signed on December 11, 2015. (Public Law 114–99)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's strategy in Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert A. Salerno, and Darlene Michele Soltys, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years, 10:55 a.m., SD–338.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Mass Data Collection Program", 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Future of U.S.-Pakistan Relations", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.